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"In the matter of: Request for Review by Erie 1 BOCES of Decision of Universal Service Administrator" reference
CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 02-6.

To Whom It May Concern:

We are writing to appeal the denial of a Service Delivery Deadline Extension Request for 1 FRN for Funding Year
2004.

Vital Information

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| Billed entity number: | 149384 |
| 471 application number: | 407327 |
| FRN | 1140011 |
| SLD Case Number | 21-798066 |

Explanation of Appeal

We are writing to appeal the denial for a Service Delivery Deadline Extension Request for FRN 1140011. The reason given for the denial was "in order to provide additional time to implement contracts or agreements with service providers for non-recurring services, applicants must submit documentation to the Administrator requesting relief on or before the original non-recurring services deadline. Your Appeal has not brought forth clear information establishing that application for relief was made prior to the deadline".

It was explained in the original extension request that the service provider could not install the fiber due to issues with the local power company, Niagara Mohawk, regarding pole access. The poles were in need of replacement as they stood then, and others had been identified as needing to be replaced if the extra weight of the fiber that would connect the school was added. This clearly meets the criteria of "The applicant requested an extension because the service provider was unable to complete delivery and installation for reasons beyond the service provider's control."

The original service provider for this was Adelphia Communications Corporation and was originally to be installed by June 30, 2005. Due to the issues with the local power company stated above, this did not happen. A request was submitted to extend the implementation date and that was approved until 9/30/06. Adelphia went into bankruptcy proceedings during that time and their New York assets were acquired by Time Warner. Time Warner completed this acquisition in August of 2006. Time Warner picked up on this project where Adelphia left off and ran into the same issues with the power company and was unable to complete the installation by 9/30/06. Due to a clerical error, another extension should have been filed at this point but was not.

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This waiver for the service deadline extension request deadline to the Commission is consistent with the FCC's commitment to providing support for schools and libraries. A waiver, in this instance, will increase the likelihood that West Valley School District may successfully utilize discounts available from the schools and libraries universal service mechanism, and West Valley School District will not be penalized for missing the installation deadline, through no fault of its own. We believe, in summary, that it would be consistent with the public interest and the intent of section 254 of the Communications Act to grant this request and thus extend the deadline for installation of for FRN 1140011 for non-recurring services to September 30, 2008.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patrick Doyle".

Patrick Doyle
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